

# **Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission**

Report on the Pacific Coastal  
Salmon Recovery Fund

# Columbia River Basin



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- Columbia River basin
- Present-day reservation boundaries.
- Lands ceded to U.S. by four tribes in 1855 treaties.
- Dams on Columbia & Snake rivers.

## Member Tribes of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC):

- Nez Perce
- Umatilla
- Warm Springs
- Yakama

**Total of 14 Tribes  
in the Columbia  
River Basin**

# Treaty Fishing Rights

Treaties of 1855  
Guaranteed "the  
Right of Taking  
Fish at All Usual  
and Accustomed  
Places"



Tribal Fishery at Celilo Falls

## **Development of PCSRF:**

- **1996 Sitka Salmon Summit (AK, OR, WA)**
- **1998 CA joins effort to make first request**
- **1999 PCSRF established by Congress (FY00)**
- **June 2000 MOU between CRITFC and NMFS**
- **June 2002 Updated MOU**

## Purpose of MOU:

Provides a basis for orderly and effective allocation of funding from the PCSRF to CRITFC's four Member Tribes.

Provides guidance for the distribution of federal funds to eligible salmon recovery activities and projects.

# Projects Must be Consistent with:

- Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish-Wit
- Congressional Authorization

## Project Categories:

- Salmon Habitat Restoration
- Salmon Enhancement
- Salmon Research, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Salmon Planning and Assessment

## CRITFC Financial Assistance Awards:

FY 2000	2,000,000
FY 2001	1,852,700
FY 2002	2,960,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,812,700</b>

## Process for Project Selection:

1. Commission considers funding level and decides on funding allocation.
2. Project proposals are developed, reviewed, prioritized and selected by their respective governing body. A tribal public review process is provided at every step.
3. CRITFC Science Review Team reviews each project and makes recommendations to the Commission.
4. Commission approves projects, some with required modifications.
5. CRITFC contracts with the tribes. Major changes in project objectives are brought back to the Commission for consideration.

## **CRITFC Science Review Team:**

- Habitat Science
- Habitat Coordination
- Fish Production Science
- Fish Production Coordination
- Permit Compliance Coordination

## Science Review Team Criteria:

- Consistent with Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish-Wit
- Sound science principles
- Clearly defined objectives and outcomes
- Provisions for monitoring and evaluation
- Clearly defined plan for all permit requirements

## Reporting:

- CRITFC Board Members
- CRITFC Member Tribes
- NMFS
- Congress

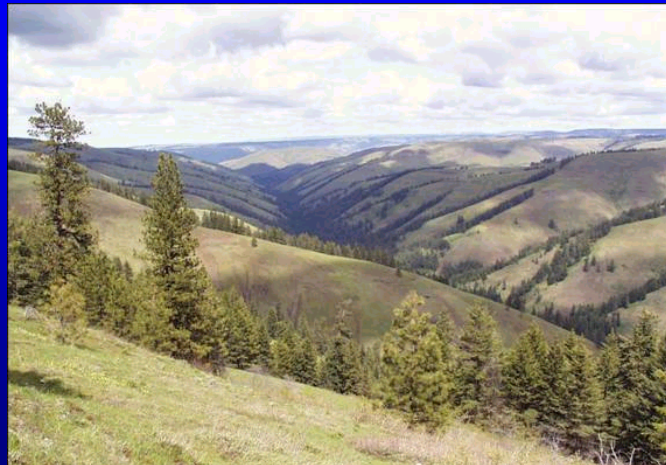
## Accountability:

- Each Fiscal Year Managed Individually
- Internal Audit was a Success

## PCSRF Projects Funded, FY 00-02

Category	# Projects	Funding	Percent
Habitat	34	\$2,568,532	38
Enhancement	13	\$2,161,374	32
R, M & E	15	\$1,624,421	24
Planning	8	\$458,273	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$6,812,600</b>	

# Salmon Habitat Restoration Projects



# Salmon Enhancement Projects



# Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Projects



## Challenges FY 00-02

- FY 2000, First Year Orientation
- FY 2001, Award Process and MOU Consistency
- FY 2002, Award Late (as usual)
- Cost reimbursement basis can cause short term cash flow issue (consider grants in future?)
- Perception that BPA can meet our needs and that Columbia Basin Tribes do not need the PCSRF.
- Perception that the PCSRF is limited to only ESA activities.

## Reporting Formats:

- Annual and Semi-Annual Progress Reports
- Monthly Reports to our Member Tribes
- Glossy/Brochure
- Congressional Reports
- Internal Audit

# Concerns for FY 2003 and Beyond

In Collaboration, PCSRF Recipients Must:

- Demonstrate Need
- Demonstrate Accountability
- Demonstrate Success

## Reporting Constraints:

How can we demonstrate success with actual salmon returns with only the first few years of funding?

Need a common repository for reports from all PCSRF recipients.

As a group, we need to agree on a strategy for demonstrating success. This will guide us towards a template for reporting the “currency” of our performance. Keep it simple.

# Cultural Importance of Salmon

